

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1885.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:
MAIL.
Going South: 5:10 P. M. and 8:20 P. M.
Going North: 8:35 A. M. and 9:50 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

VALENTINES at San Marcos Bookstore.

New firm and new goods,
TAYLOR & THOMAS.

Buy your flour from Leavell and you will get the best. He keeps no low grade flour.

All goods warranted,
TAYLOR & THOMAS.

New Meat Market

At Billy Reed's old stand. Fresh pork from the "whole hog" to any smaller quantities. Genuine pork sausage. A general meat market in a few days. Give us a call.
HUNTREBERT & CO.

Plenty Seed Oats of the best quality, and highest price paid for Corn, at
STEELE & CO.'S.

Onion Sets, at Reynolds & Daniel's.

CARLOAD NORTHERN SEED POTATOES at lowest prices at GREEN'S STORE.

Tomatoes, latest improved seed, at Reynolds & Daniel's.

Brilliant Oil at one dollar per can at McALLISTER'S.

Mince meat and apple butter at cost at McALLISTER'S.

Oat Meal and Bird Food at McAllister's.

Full Cream Cheese at McAllister's.

California potatoes always on hand at Leavell's.

Fresh arrival of fine flour at McALLISTER'S.

Upstairs rooms to rent,
JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Goods delivered free in city.
S. F. McALLISTER.

Read our Clubbing Announcement with the Chicago Weekly News.

Seed Irish potatoes, at McALLISTER'S.

Cabbage seed and peas, at Reynolds & Daniel's.

Come and see our stock of 1885 seed.
Reynolds & Daniel.

Notwithstanding the advance in sugars you can buy from Leavell as cheap as ever.

New varieties of Beans never before in this market at
RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Nice clean newspapers for wrapping paper for sale at the Free Press office for 25 cents a hundred.

You will find corn fed beef for three months at
POWERS & RAGDALE'S.

The house of Basil Daily is still for rent. It is a very desirable place, two acres of ground, with orchard of choice fruits.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

In order to reduce stock before the spring opening we are offering inducements in dress goods, clothing, and all seasonable goods.
JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Five hundred cords wood for sale at Fred C. Brown's wood yard. Office at Liverty Stable. Call and leave your orders for winter wood.

Reynolds & Daniel have the largest stock of Landreth's Garden seed ever brought to San Marcos. The selection has been made with a view to special adaptation to our soils and climate.

FOUND

An Overcoat (left in our store). Apply to
G. W. DONALSON & CO.

Carload of the justly celebrated Moline Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms.
WM. GREEN, Agent.

FOUND.

On the Seguin road about the 27th of December last, ten dollars cash. Any person having lost money can learn further particulars by calling at this office.

EVERYBODY

Especially Farmers are invited to witness the trial of the new Sulky Plow a rival of the Cassidy on Saturday afternoon February 7th. For information apply to
G. W. DONALSON & CO.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

SOMETHING GOOD.

A "Cooper Wagon,"
A "Weir Plow"
A "Brilliant Stove,"
A "Saw,"
G. W. DONALSON & Co., Agents.

CARD.

Acute and chronic Diseases a specialty, embracing all Pulmonary troubles by Dr. Isaac V. Weathers, San Antonio, Texas. Office and rooms over Gossiers Bank, corner Houston and Soledad Sts.

Read our Clubbing Announcement with the Chicago Weekly News to be found on our last page. As a newspaper the News is a formidable rival to the New York Sun, and in some respects its superior. It is an independent Republican paper, but supported Cleveland as against Blaine, and did good service during the campaign.

I am Agent for
McCormick self binder, Mowers etc,
Jackson wagons
Dover plows
Cassidy sulky plows
Standard cultivators
Buckeye hay rakes
Whitcomb threshers
and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.
Wm. Green.

READ the large displayed advertisement of H. HARDY & CO., Grocers, and don't fail to give them a call. They display the spirit and enterprise which are sure to win success.

"Nary" marriage license since our last.

Wood plenty in these parts since the "windfall" caused by the late sleet.

The weather has been quite mild this week and we notice that some preparations for gardening are being made.

The crying need of street crossings was made manifest during the late muddy period but we suppose "all will be forgiven," since the mud has partially dried up.

THE AGENTS HERALD continues to be a readable paper, and devoted to an exposure of advertising and other frauds. This specialty makes it generally valuable.

The genuine Sedgwick iron and wire, fence, without any wood, may be seen in front of Judge Wood's new residence. It is "a thing of beauty."

County Court is in session. Our colored folks charged with disorderly conduct at Kyle, were acquitted. In the case of Mr. Ferrell charged with assaulting Marshal Prince, he was fined \$5 and costs.

See advertisement of the Caligraph Typewriter, our junior has one of these machines and is able to write correctly much faster than he can with pen and ink; though his practice has been very slight as yet.

Remember that C. G. Bills has moved into the late stand of Mr. Wilcox next door to the Post Office, where, with a larger stock, he hopes to greet old and new customers. He also keeps the Telephone office.

We acknowledge receipt of the New Orleans Times-Democrat Almanac for 1885. It is chronological and statistical and handsomely illustrated. The Almanac is issued as a supplement to the Times-Democrat and is mailed free to every yearly subscriber, daily or weekly, and is sold at 25c retail.

The Caligraph writing machine costs from \$70 to \$85 and will pay for itself in three months if you have the work for it to do. Operators on the Caligraph are in demand by leading business men everywhere, and receive good remuneration. See advertisement in another column.

All last week was solid winter weather, the landscape for the greater part of the time was encased in with a sleet so heavy as to break off large limbs from the trees. In this respect it was a novelty down this way. Yet that week was but a sample of the sort of weather people at the north are called on to endure for months together.

The new fence around the court house yard is progressing. Although we do not approve of cheating the county of any of its legally allotted space, yet the added size makes quite a change for the better. The ornamental iron and wire fence comes from Sedgwick Bros., of our old home, Richmond Ind. It is rather light for the present use, but is admirably adapted for inclosing dwellings, cemetery lots, etc.

We have received the first number of Industrial America issued from the same office and under the same general management as that sterling weekly, the Electrical World. Industrial America presents a handsome topographical appearance; its matter is carefully prepared and ably edited, and its illustrations are of a high order. It is published every other Saturday at No. 9 Murray Street, New York, at ten cents a number, or \$2.00 a year.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.—We are indebted to Marshal Prince for the particulars of a mysterious case which has just transpired at this place. A woman came to the Minter house from New Braunfels Monday the 12th inst. She appeared to be some 35 or 40 years of age, and had a trunk. She represented that she was the wife of a Mr. Bush, of New Braunfels or San Antonio; that she had staid behind to collect some money and would join her in a short time. She appeared to be despondent and spoke to some of the hotel folks of her purpose of committing suicide. She also spoke of going to Lampasas. On Tuesday about 10 A. M. she left the hotel and has not since been heard from. She left her trunk which the Marshal has opened, but found nothing to identify her, save a receipt given Josephine Horn at the Carrollton House Austin, in June '81.

Mr. Prince has since visited New Braunfels and interviewed Mr. Bush, who disclaims the woman as his wife, and says he only knew her a short time while boarding at the same place. He learned that she was known as Betty. The name of Stephen Kirsch was given as one who knew the woman.

As we go to press there is no further light on the matter. The indications are that the woman has committed suicide.

Go to the Traveler's Home, San Antonio, for good accommodations. No. 628 Austin St. 14 block from G. H. & S. A. R. R. Depot on street car line. Charges to suit the Times. P. H. PERRY, Prop'r.

Mrs. Richardson is now prepared to give special attention to dress making. First-class fit and style guaranteed. Her stock of winter millinery goods is being sold at a great reduction.

Brown & Lindsey,

the Livestable firm, we are glad to hear have ordered a Hearse, which will be here in about ten days. Something long greatly needed in a town of the size and pretensions of San Marcos.

The San Marcos Free Press says, in connection with the recent statement that another paper was to be started at that point: "No prudent man would think of starting a paper anywhere in Texas at this time."

Hard times are generally first felt by the papers, as they have to pay spot cash and wait for returns.—Columbian Citizen.

HO! EVERYBODY!

The attention of the public is called to the fact that I have taken charge of the E. I. Lighter stock for the account of Messrs. P. J. White & Son, and must sell the same within 60 days. I have ordered new goods, and all in need of supplies in the general household line would do well to call and examine my stock and prices before going elsewhere as I am selling at and below cost for cash.
J. W. GILBERT.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Ragland has removed to San Antonio.

Rev. Mr. French is circulating prohibition petitions to the Legislature.

R. Hayward and W. P. Irion were registered at the Hofheinz on Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Thomas has gone in with Mr. P. Taylor in the grocery business.

Mrs. P. Thompson, of Austin, is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Miss Mollie Kincaid, of Burnett or Williamson county, is visiting at this place.

Young Mr. Barber, son of the sheriff, has succeeded Mr. Turner as deputy.

Mr. Odum has retired from the printing business in San Marcos.

Mr. Chapman purchased two lots in Barber's addition for \$150, instead of one as stated in our last.

Mr. Chapman, from Houston, a brother-in-law of Mr. Steele, has settled with his family at this place.

We recently made the acquaintance of W. R. Crockett, of Martindale. He is a relative of the famous David Crockett.

We learn that Capt. Forgy lost five hundred sheep out of a flock of nine hundred by the recent bad spell of weather.

We notice Albert Burleson, Esq., of Austin, in attendance at and cordially participating in the proceedings of our county court.

Mr. Ostrom was in town on yesterday. He now resides near San Antonio. He made many friends during his late residence at this place.

Who has lost a bay pony; paces; roached mane and shaved tail; branded A with a half circle beneath? Prince thinks such an animal has been stolen.

Mr. W. V. Lindsey has taken an interest with Mr. Fred C. Brown in the livestock business. The name and style of the firm will be Brown & Lindsey.

Elder J. J. Williamson, we hear, expects to resume preaching to a greater extent than for some time past. He recently filled an appointment at Martindale.

Mrs. Emma Mann, from the vicinity of Austin, is among the new-comers here, and resides at the Dr. Payne place. Her father, Mr. Lindsey, quite an aged gentleman, resides with her.

An Austin paper notices the following compliment to a former citizen of our town: "Mr. W. R. Moore, an efficient and gentlemanly clerk employed in the State treasury department was lately presented with a handsome watch by his brother clerks."

Profs. Randall and Harper, with accomplished assistants, gave a concert in vocal music at the Methodist church on Tuesday night, which we hear very highly spoken of. The latter has formed a class of about 100 pupils. We hope the school may result in a needed improvement in congregational singing in our various churches.

As illustrating the progress of our town and the certainty of the advancement of property and consequent profit to persons investing in a good locality, we will state a little circumstance in our own knowledge. Soon after we came here all that line of blocks extending from the property of Prof. Richardson back opposite the Parson Fish-er place was vacant, and we came near buying it. C. L. McGeehan owned it, and offered it to us, as we recollect, for only \$1,500. It would probably be worth five times as much to-day.

The country paper is the most useful and least compensated of all the agencies which stamp the impress of progress upon villages and inland cities. Without the aid of the local newspapers local towns are, as a rule, thriftless and dead. It is common for small great men to speak with contempt of local newspapers, but the village newspaper makes more men out of less material—and more bricks without straw—than any other factor in politics, and it is the one ladder on which men climb to distinction as the beginning of a wider fame. The advent of the local newspaper has always denoted the increase and thrift of the community. The local newspaper is the life of the locality, and the measure of its support, as a rule, measures the advancement of the people. Not only subscribe but pay for your local newspapers. They are friends and help-meets at all seasons.—[Exchange.]

OUR EXPOSITION LETTER.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 22, 1885.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—I enter my *viva* to-night (a new name for the stable I am sleeping in) and take my seat to drop you a few lines.

Well, I have just returned from a fire and am all out of breath and of course I feel a little weak as I to-day George Franklin's boarding house I struck (bananas and water). Well, to tell you about my new boarding house. Oh! it is a nice place, we boys call it the just out house; everything you call for they are just out. I have been here a week to-night. They are just out \$9.00.

Oh! but by the way, I was walking down Canal street this afternoon and saw a wagon knocked speechless. A shutter fell off a house and split the tongue. They summoned a jury and they sat down on it just for a blind, and they ordered it hung—back on the house.

Your Royal Highness will have to excuse me if I get a little off the subject, but you know how it is; the water here is like the San Marcos "dudes" get at Kyle.

Mr. J. E. Hunter, alias "J. E. Lamb," has departed for New York City on the steamer "Louisiana"; it will take him four days to make the trip.

The theatres are in full blast, and there are eight dime museums besides four variety shows running, and are all well patronized. Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" is in town and give a performance in day at Oakland Park and at night at St. Charles Theatre, in which twelve horses mounted by real Sioux Indians appear. Roland Reed in "Marsden's Check," is billed at the Academy of Music.

There are no San Marcos visitors here now, and I suppose they are waiting for Mardi Gras so as to stand a good chance of sleeping in dry goods boxes. Wait until Mardi Gras and then come one, come all, "if the city would hold you the river will," is what an old citizen was heard to remark.

And still the bridal parties continue to come. The novelty of the Exposition to-day was a "cow boy" in full attire promenading the building with his fair bride swinging to his back; and at the greatest they were not over eighteen.

Yesterday being the 35th anniversary of the finding of gold in California, a banquet was given on the California square, and I had the pleasure of attending. There were several suitable speeches, and then the sweet notes of the Mexican band were heard (these are 72 pieces in the band) after which wine and brandies were dealt out freely to all who chose to drink, and also raisins for the ladies, after which tokens were drunk to the Commissioners. I regret to say that one of the Texas Commissioners was so overpowered with stimulants, brandy, etc., as to come a severe hemorrhage of the lungs.

Mrs. Stuart is seriously ill and will not be able to be out for some time. Her book, entitled "Gems from a Texas Quarry," is nearly ready, and will be a fine work; the price will be \$3.50. It contains all the Exposition buildings. The book is dedicated to Governor Ireland.

It is hinted that there will be three weddings from off the Texas space. Your humble servant has not been that lucky; although living in this city of flowers where they never have any northers, I get one every time I look at a New Orleans belle, so boys, if that's what you are coming for, either stay at home or bring a "pop" and a fast walking-stick.

I will try and give you a description of California in my next; that is if she don't break loose again.

We received a quilt to-day from Gainesville, Cook county, Texas, which contains 60,917 different pieces: it took two years hard work, also twenty-five spools of thread to make it.

We have a place here just large enough for a painting of the head of the San Marcos river; can't some one respond?

Oh! I have got the colic, raw potatoes go very well, but when you try to eat a hill weighing 84 pounds it ain't so nice. Please don't come again. Thanks to Mr. McGeehan. I'll save \$1.00 on meals to-morrow.

Sam and Maston Newsum, formerly pupils at Corral Institute, are in town taking in the Exposition. It is generally understood by those who profess to know that they are on their way to Texas, and will return as they generally do—"spooney."

The Exposition is complete. I have enjoyed my week's visit to New Orleans, and now for "home, sweet home," in a few days. Yours Truly,
JACK LEFTAGAIN.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at San Marcos Texas for the week ending Jan. 26, 1885:

Basques, Neponuse Stone, Mrs. Emily Gains, Phillip Tripp, Dr. J. H. Johns, Louis Thompson, S. M. Robinson, Mrs. Far-Villars, Jesus nie Williams, T.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised, giving date.

ALBERT HEATON, P. M.

Died.

Alexander, son of M. A. and M. Vanlandingham, died January 4, 1885, aged 5 years, 3 months and 2 days.

Yes my darling mother, he is gone, He is in this world no more, He now bids us follow on, And meet him on that bright shore.

Father, he is now an angel in heaven, Free from this world of trouble and woe.

'Twas only a flower that God had given, And has taken to meet little sister who has gone before.

SISTER FANNIE.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Since our last report to the 28th inst.:

Wm. Glover to J. N. Whisenant, parts of lots 4 and 5 in block 3 in Kyle, security for debt.

J. H. Wallace to J. N. Whisenant, lot 2 in block 4 in Kyle, \$201.

O. M. Roberts, governor to Joseph R. Kunitz, assigns, &c., 640 acres in Hays county.

Record of agreement between Bozarth & Winberry to divide survey stock.

W. T. Moore and wife to A. B. Williams, part of John Pharras survey on Plum creek, \$1,200.

Henry W. Sublett and wife to Fred Cocke release of vendor's lien on 720 acres of Whitley league.

The Mullein Plant.

The old mullein which contains a mucilaginous principle so healing to the lungs and throat when made into a tea and combined with that stimulating expectorant sweet gum which grows along our southern swamps, presents in Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein a pleasant and effective cure for Croup, Whooping Cough, Colds and Consumption. Price 25c and \$1.00. Ask your Druggist for it. Met by Walker A. Taylor, Atlanta Ga., prop'r Taylor's Premium Cologne. For sale by Reynolds & Daniel. Jan. 22 2w.

The National Surgical Institute

Will open a Branch at 106 St. Charles St. New Orleans, Dec. 1st, 1884, where they will be prepared to treat Surgical cases, Club Feet, Paralysis, and all deformities of the face, spine, limbs, and diseases of the joints, eye and ear; also catarrhs, piles, fistula, female diseases, private diseases, etc. The proprietors of the Institute open this office in New Orleans in accordance with the request of scores of their patrons in Miss. La. and Texas who desire to avail themselves of the reduced rates of travel offered during the "World's Exposition," thus enabling the sick and the lame to visit the Exposition as well. For full particulars address K. H. Enbald, Sec'y, Atlanta, Ga. or 166 St. Charles St., New Orleans, La. nvg-3m

MARKET REPORT.

SAN MARCOS, WEDNESDAY, 12 M.

Below will be found the San Marcos markets for the articles named, in such quantities as the farmer usually disposes of them, obtained from reliable local dealers.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET.

Cotton, good ordinary, 94c.

Kay, new in bales—\$8 per ton.

Wheat—30c. Nicaragua 60c/65c.

Corn—shelled, 40c., corn meal, 50c.

Chopped Corn—\$1.00 to \$1.00 1/2 lb.

Corn Bran—50c. to \$1.00 lb.

Millet Seed—\$1.25 bushel.

Oats—\$1.00 to \$1.25 bushel.

Flour—\$1.00 to \$1.25 bushel.

Wheat Bran—\$1.00 to \$1.25 bushel.

Potatoes—\$1.00 bushel, \$1.50.

Sweet Potatoes—\$1.00 bushel.

Onions—\$1.00 bushel.

Butter—Choice Texas, 30c.

Eggs—20c.

Chickens—180c/2.40.

Turkeys—75c to 1.00.

Honey—\$1.10 to \$1.25 lb.

Bacon—10c.

Ham—25c to 30c.

Beef Cattle—2 to 2 1/2c.

Milk Cows with Calves—\$25.00 to \$35.00.

Hogs—24c gross.

Mutton—2 to 2 1/2c.

Hides—green, 4c/5c.

Wood—3.00 to 4.00 cord.

Wool—11c/15c.

RETAIL GROCERY MARKET.

Sugar—9, 10, 12 and 14 lb to the \$1.00.

Coffee—green, 54 to 7 lb.

Roasted, 5 lb.

Lard—11c to 12c.

Molasses—\$1.00 gal. 50c/70c.

Syrup—golden, 75c gallon 75c.

Rice—\$1.00 lb.

Apples—dried, 10c to 15c.

Evaporated Apples—\$1.10 lb.

Prunes—10c.

Soda—5c to 6c.

Pepper—black, 25c to 30c lb.

Salt—25c to 30c lb.

Salt—coarse, 10c to 15c, fine, \$2.00.

Corn Meal—\$1.00 to \$1.25, 5 lb. to \$1.00.

Chow—\$1.00 to \$1.25, 5 lb. to \$1.00.

Coal Oil—per gallon 30c.

Dried Beef—

Tea—40c to 50c lb.

Vinegar—25c.

The Leading Grocery House.

H. HARDY & CO.,

Have recently Come to the Front with a Full Line of Well Selected

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.